

# GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETS . . . . . . AND ACTS

After more than a year of trying to get together a quorum for a Governing Council Meeting, we finally succeeded on Saturday and Sunday, February 14 and 15, 1948, at Columbia University.

The staff of WKCR, the host station, made all of the arrangements for meeting rooms, meals, and so on. Their hard work was in large measure responsible for the smoothness and efficiency of the proceedings.

Since this was the first meeting since December 1946 at which a quorum was present, so that legislation could be enacted, a large number of measures which had piled up in the interim were cleared off the decks, and a considerable number of new actions were taken.

The minutes of the meeting will shortly be ready, and will be distributed to all concerned as soon as possible. Until then this newsletter will serve as a report of the meeting. It should be emphasized that the summary given below does not express the exact official wording of the various resolutions passed, but is as far as possible a summary and explanation of their content.

## DUES - Past, Present, and Future

The dues rate for Members was set at \$40.00 annually, payable half each on Dec. 1 and Mar. 1. For present Members, this year's dues are payable by March 15, 1948. Provision is made for proportionate reduction in dues for stations admitted after Sept. 1 of any year.

The dues for Trial Groups are set at \$25.00 annually, payable when admitted. Present Trial Groups shall pay on March 15, 1948, or may withdraw before then without obligation. Provision is made for proportionate credit for Trial dues paid in advance when station transfers to Member status. The Governing Council also emphasized that since many Trial groups, when first admitted, do not have much or any money, the Executive Committee could, at its discretion, defer payment for reasonable periods of time. Trial dues are payable annually on anniversary of admission, for duration of Trial status.

The dues for Member stations for the academic year 1946-47 was set equal to the amount owed to each station by IBS on August 1, 1947. These amounts owed were funds withheld from advertising income by direction of the Governing Council (October 1946) and held to the station's account to be applied to dues to be assessed for that academic year. This action clears the books on this long-past question.

Although it is not in the form of a dues assessment, it seems best to include with this summary of dues assessments the action of the Governing Council regarding future withholding from advertising income. From future advertising income IBS will withhold 70% of that due stations who were Members by February 13,



1943 and 30% of that due stations admitted to Member status after that date. This rate of withholding will continue only until the debts incurred by IBS up to Dec. 31, 1947 are paid off, whereupon the rate for all stations will drop to 15%.

This withholding, it should be understood, is not in the form of a credit to the station's account with IBS. Once the money is withheld, it goes into the IBS treasury to form a sinking fund to pay off the past indebtedness. The effect of withholding is to reduce the station's income from advertising, just as it would be reduced if the advertising rates were lowered.

### IBS Finances

The debts of IBS remaining on the books after the dues assessment for 1946-47 described above were accepted as obligations to be paid off, and it was provided that IBS funds be first applied to paying current expenses and providing a small contingent fund, and then be used to pay back salaries, and after they are paid off, to pay outstanding notes.

The back debts on current operating expenses (that is for operating IBS during the Fall semester) will be paid from the dues for 1947-48, and IBS present and future operations will be kept on a balanced-budget basis. There will be enough left after paying current bills to carry IBS to the next academic year, when dues will again be paid.

A budget was presented providing for about \$2500 in expenditures per year for operating IBS. This is about equal to what should be received from dues payments.

### IBS Operating Procedures

The Governing Council recognized both the need for eliminating all unnecessary expenses and the need for IBS to provide certain kinds of information to stations when it approved the publication of the Technical Data Book and disapproved the publication of the "Bulletin" in the elaborate form in which it was most recently published (in 1946).

The Governing Council joined with the Board of Directors in stating that the business of IBS be carried on by the Executive Committee, as it has in the past. It accepted the statement by the Board that they would serve only in an advisory capacity.

The Executive Committee was expanded by the creation of two new departments, Sales and Operations, and its position was strengthened by a clearer definition of its make-up and a more flexible system of allocating work and responsibilities. Its work was further strengthened by the election to it of several new members, as well as some readjustment of positions of old members. (see Elections, below)

### Constitution and By-Laws

The major changes in the constitution and by-laws related to the new regional representation plan. Hereafter stations will be represented in the Governing



Council by regional representatives, elected in each region by the Members in that region. Each representative will <sup>have</sup> a number of votes equal to the number of stations he represents, and can cast them separately if the stations of the region disagree on particular proposals. Other actions provide for two meetings a year of the Governing Council and ratification of constitutional amendments by 2/3 of the Member stations. A Regions Committee of the Board of Directors will set the boundaries of regions. Other changes in the constitution and by-laws were mainly of a technical nature, correcting erroneous wording, etc.

### Elections

The following persons were elected to the Executive Committee, at the head of the departments indicated:

Chairman of the Executive Committee:	George Abraham
Operations (Called Executive Director):	David Borst
Business:	Paul Yergin
Program:	Tak Kako
Technical (called Engineering Director):	Herbert Barlow
Station Relations:	Warren Simmons
Sales:	Charles Brookwell

Abraham and Yergin were re-elected. Borst was moved from Technical to The new Operations department. The others are newly elected to their posts. For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with these men, their present locations are given: Tak Kako is at WKCR, Columbia University. Herbert Barlow is in Washington, D.C. in a government agency. Warren Simmons is at WPRU, Princeton University, and Charles Brookwell is at WRSU, Rutgers University.

Three members of the Executive Committee, George Abraham, Paul Yergin, and Tak Kako were elected to serve one-year terms on the Board of Directors. In addition, six three-year terms were filled, three expiring in 1950 and three in 1951. Official announcement of the persons elected to these positions will be made after they have been notified of their election and signified their willingness to serve.

### General

A new program of operation for IBS was approved. Copies were distributed to Member stations before the meeting (Outline of Purposes and Activities of the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System) and will be included in the minutes of the meeting. This supersedes the program adopted in May 1946.

The Executive Committee was asked to review more carefully the qualifications of applicants for Membership in IBS.

The admission of the Hunter College Radio Workshop to Affiliate Status was tabled until the next meeting with a request for more information.

The Executive Committee was asked to consider a plan for making awards to people aiding in the obtaining of national advertising, as an incentive.

The appointment of Avery-Knodel, Inc. as national advertising representative for not more than one year was approved.

A committee was established and elected to study the IBS constitution and recommend changes. The committee consists of Peter Swanson of North Carolina State, Chairman, Donald Nieman of Princeton, Alan Strout of Cornell, Tak Kako of the Executive Committee and Columbia, and Guy della Cioppa, of the Columbia Broadcasting System and the IBS Board of Directors.



